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September 2017

The Department of Writing and Linguistics is pleased to announce recent faculty news:

- **Melissa Carrion**'s article, "[‘You need to do your research’: Vaccines, Contestable Science, and Maternal Epistemology](#)" was published in *Public Understanding of Science*.
- **Laura Valeri** just signed a contract with SFA University Press for *The Dead Still Here*, a short story collection.
- **Jinrong Li** won a [SoTL fellowship for 2017-2018](#). Her paper, "Preparing English language learners for academic writing: a functional linguistic approach," was accepted for presentation at Georgia TESOL in October 2017.
- **Christina Olson** has new creative nonfiction in *Third Coast*, which was also nominated for a Pushcart Prize. She also recently delivered a craft talk, "Weird Science + Poetry" at the Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home in Savannah, GA.
- Members of the Department of Writing and Linguistics will serve as the Local Host Committee for the Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication (CPTSC) Conference, held in Savannah from October 5-7.
- **Melissa Carrion** and **Joanna Schreiber** also presented their research at the conference in a session titled "Toward a user-centered, sustainable TPC service course." Members of the local host committee were **Joanna Schreiber** (committee chair), **Andrew Berger**, **Melissa Carrion**, **Tim Giles**, **Aron Pease**, **Amanda Schumacher**, and **Christopher Smith**.
- The [Georgia Southern Writing Project](#) has been working in Statesboro High and William James Middle School. At SHS, eight teachers participated in Assignments Matter workshop. At WJMS, more than 40 teachers in 6-8th grades have participated, along with Principal Julie Mizell.